



TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 1903.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., March 24.

The President today reappointed Dr. Washington G. Tuck postmaster at Annapolis. Dr. Tuck was endorsed by Representative Mudd, who afterwards in an open letter to the President charged Senator McComas with working against Tuck while publicly professing friendship for him. The President also appointed B. T. Person postmaster at Wilson, N. C. This is the office which Postmaster Vick (colored) was a candidate for appointment, but against whom Senator Pritchard brought charges of party perjury. The President also appointed W. C. Harris, a carpet-bagger, to be postmaster at Charleston, S. C.

Under orders from the Navy Department the United States Ship Atlanta sailed last night from Pensacola for San Domingo in order to protect American interests there, supposed to be endangered on account of the revolution which has recently been renewed.

Senor Ojeda, the Spanish Minister, today received instructions from the Spanish Minister of foreign affairs, authorizing him to sign with Minister Bowen a protocol for the settlement of the claims of Spain against Venezuela. This protocol will be identical with those signed by the other powers. The Spanish protocol will name President Diaz, of Mexico, as umpire to decide questions on which the claims commissioners disagree.

Major Estes G. Rathbone, former Director of Posts at Cuba, whose charges against General Wood have just been dismissed by Secretary of War Root, is not content with this decision but remains in the city with the intention of taking an appeal to the President. He will return to his home in Hamilton, Ohio, in a few days and will then return here to await the judgment.

The races at Benning were much more largely attended today than they were yesterday, when rain and bad weather interfered. The crowd came from all sections of the county, and though the track was rather heavy all enjoyed the races which were well contested. Many Virginians are here.

Charles S. Francis, editor of the Troy (N. Y.) Times and former minister to Greece, took leave of the President this morning. Mr. Francis came to Washington upon the invitation of the President to talk over political affairs in New York and eastern Europe.

News has been received here that E. E. Clarke, grand chief of Order of Railroad Conductors, and late a member of the coal strike commission, is intended to accept the appointment of assistant secretary of commerce and labor, which President Roosevelt is believed to be ready to proffer him. Mr. Clarke has been persuaded that there is no great future in politics for him and that he will do better to remain a factor in the labor world.

Fire in Browning & Middleton's grocery store, 608 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, damaged the property to the extent of about \$300 today.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

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## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., March 24.

## The Burdick Murder.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Buffalo, N. Y., March 24.—Pale but calm, Mrs. Alice Hall Burdick again mounted this morning the witness stand from which a few days ago her lover was

openly accused of murdering her husband and where yesterday she was forced to acknowledge her guilty relations with the one and her broken pledges with the other. The courtroom was crowded as usual.

At least half of the spectators were women, well dressed and of evident social rank, but eager to hear more of the impassioned love letters of Pennell and the reluctant confessions of Mrs. Burdick's duplicity. Mrs. Burdick, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Hull, reached

police headquarters promptly at 10 o'clock, and was shown into Superintendent Bull's office. Police Justice Murphy and District Attorney Coatesworth took their places in the courtroom at 10:20, and Mrs. Burdick was escorted in by a detective a few minutes later.

The oath was again administered and Mrs. Burdick sat down, shook herself, adjusted her hat and looked at her lawyer who held a bunch of letters in his hand. Her testimony added nothing materially to that admitted by her yesterday, and was mostly in reference to letters from Pennell, her meetings with him at different places, quarrels with her husband and the latter's conduct toward her because of her relations with Pennell.

A letter written by Mrs. Burdick in New York, to Burdick, was read. It showed the divorce was to go by default, Mrs. Burdick agreeing to make no defense. That was because Burdick had promised if she made no defense she should have the children half of each year. Later she decided to make a defense to save her honor, as she knew nothing could prevent a mother from seeing her children. Witness and Pennell had expected Mrs. Pennell to obtain a divorce but when the last named declined to procure one, Pennell decided to defend Mrs. Burdick's suit. Pennell told witness that when she had been divorced he would go West, procure a divorce and then marry her. She did not know whether Pennell had any private means, as he was a silent, reserved man, and told her nothing of his private affairs, though she was intimately acquainted with him for six years. "Isn't it a fact, Mrs. Burdick," suddenly asked the prosecutor, "that Pennell gave you his bond to secure the payment to you of \$25,000?" Mrs. Burdick did not remember; there was a legal paper of some kind in a package Pennell gave her. She never saw any such bond and Pennell never promised her such a paper to secure her against want. Coatesworth showed her a copy of a bond dated May 1, 1902, signed by Pennell, and securing to Mrs. Burdick the payment of \$25,000.

Coatesworth showed Mrs. Burdick a copy of a bond dated May 1st, 1902, signed by Pennell, and securing Mrs. Burdick the payment of \$25,000 before November, 1902. Witness said Burdick gave her no money for the New York and Atlantic City trip, but Pennell gave her funds and paid all her expenses. Pennell stayed at Atlantic City a week while Mrs. Burdick was there.

The inquest was subsequently adjourned from 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. the District Attorney announcing that some new points had come up that he wished to investigate in the meantime.

## Murder on the High Seas.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Liverpool, March 24.—Otto Monson, Ludwig Flore, William Smith and Gustave Rau, the four seamen of the British bark Veronica, who have been in custody here for eight weeks past on a charge of having murdered the captain and crew of the bark and then set fire to the vessel, were brought up for trial this morning. Flore, who was released that he might turn King's evidence, was called to the stand. He said that Rau was the ringleader. Rau, he asserted, ordered him to kill the man at the wheel, and then turned his attention to the captain. Rau threw a baying pin at the captain's chest and then fired two shots at him. The captain crawled into the cabin but Rau followed him and again shot him. The Veronica sailed from Ship Island, Miss., October 6, bound for Montevideo. That was the last heard of her until the British steamer Brunswick picked up the four seamen now on trial at Liverpool, and the cook of the vessel. The men were picked up near the Island of Madeira.

Monson killed Parsons while the latter was lying in his bunk, and Rau had murdered Doran with a baying pin. Afterwards Rau spoke to Captain Shaw and the second mate, both of whom were terribly wounded. The captain begged for his life so that he could see his wife and children again, and added: "For God's sake give me a drink of water. I'll give you my gold watch and I'll take you to any port." Smith handed Rau a glass of water. Captain Shaw then gave the chart and the glasses to Rau who shut the captain's cabin. Later Rau drove Captain Shaw and the mate out of the cabin. When they reached the deck Rau shot the captain, and Smith and Monson shot the mate. Both the wounded men were thrown overboard.

## The Venezuelan Blue Book.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

In the Venezuelan blue book just published the State Department discovered a letter written by British Consul Hagard to the home office. He insinuated that Secretary Russell, of the American legation at Caracas, had been forced by Minister Bowen to constructively tell a lie. The subject was the condition of the Harry Troop, a British ship captured by the Venezuelans. Complaint had been made that it was in a filthy condition. Russell said that it had been cleaned up. Secretary Hay noticed the letter and called to the attention of the British government through Ambassador Choate. The home office apologized in nearly the same language as that used by Balfour today.

The Right Hon. Lord Balfour in the British House of Commons today said that Secretary of State Hay, of the United States, had brought the matter of the Venezuela blue book to the notice of the government, and was informed by him with regard to reflections that the British ambassador at Washington has cast on the members of the U. S. Legation at Caracas. There reflections, said Lord Balfour, had escaped his notice. Errors of this kind, however regrettable, might occur in any department when undergoing an exceptionally hard strain of work. Of course, proper notice would be taken of the matter, he added.

Royal C. Taft, former governor of Rhode Island, is critically ill and little hope of the patient's recovery is given.

## Situation More Encouraging.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Memphis, Tenn., March 24.—With the river falling from Cairo to a point just above Helena, and with no additional breaks in the levees, yesterday's developments in the flood situation were an encouraging nature. While danger yet lurks in the onward rush of the mighty volume of water, sweeping down the Mississippi, there is a more confident feeling of victory as the hours progress. The crest of the onward rushing tide is now in the vicinity of Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 24.—A protection levee in the southern part of the city broke last evening, causing the flooding of a large area of low lands and the big furniture factory and the lumber yards, throwing some 150 men out of employment.

## Strike of Wagonmakers.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Chicago, March 24.—Two hundred and seventy-five carriage, automobile, and wagon manufacturers were forced to shut down yesterday because 100 men, members of the wagon makers' union, declared a general strike. Seventy-five per cent of the wagon making business here is done in less than a score of shops. A number of manufacturers have signed a pledge not to yield to the demands of the strikers. They claim to be able to hold out for two years if necessary. On the other hand the strikers claim that a large number of manufacturers signed the scale yesterday and they expect that before the end of the week, all factories will be in operation at the scale.

## Submitted to Robbery to Save Lives.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

St. Louis, Mo., March 24.—With a bottle containing a high explosive in his hand, William A. Vinton stood motionless on the platform of a Broadway car Monday and made no attempt to resist a pickpocket, who was robbing him. Vinton thought it better to lose his money than take a chance of endangering the lives of the passengers by having the bottle broken. He identified Joseph O'Loughlin, a notorious thief, as the man who robbed him.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

The Russian government has taken drastic measures to suppress emigration from Finland which threatened to depopulate the country.

The sail riggers have made such rapid progress on the Shamrock 111, that the new cup challenger will be able to stretch her sails by Saturday.

An earthquake was felt in the region of Exeter, Eng., this morning. Considerable alarm was caused by the shock but no damage was done.

The search of Russians who have just been arrested at Naples revealed documents proving the existence of a plot of Russian nihilists to assassinate the Czar during his visit to Italy.

The Lincolnshire handicap for 1,000 sovereigns, the first of the handicaps of the year, was run at Newmarket, England, today. The event was won by Overton, Portcullis second and Ypsilanti third. Twenty horses ran.

A correspondent of the Daily London Chronicle at Geneva, Switzerland, says that the Crown Princess Louise is lying seriously ill at her mother's chateau at Lindau from the effects of an attempt to commit suicide by taking poison.

A Russian named Rybalko has been found dead in a Jew's garden at Moscow. The charge that it was a ritual murder raised a huge mob which raided the ghetto. Many persons were injured. The troops had to be called out to restore order.

Prof. Gathknecht, lecturer on historical costumes at the Berlin Art Academy, has received a number of color paintings of medieval costumes executed by the Emperor. They are highly artistic and show his majesty as an intimate knowledge of the dress of the past ages.

The porte has granted to Turkish schools and institutions in Turkey, numbering about 90, similar privileges to those enjoyed by German schools and institutions. American claims for similar treatment have been rejected and the porte also continues to oppose the entry of American printed books.

Troops have recaptured the town of Surigao, in Mindanao, which was taken by ladrones last Sunday. The outlaws did not harm the American officials and other foreigners in the town. They were found well and safe when the soldiers relieved the palace. The ladrones fled on the approach of the United States troops.

A proclamation was issued at Stockholm today on the negotiations which have been in progress between the governments of Norway and Sweden regarding the union of the two countries. On the special consular system, Norway and Sweden are agreed, but the matter of a common foreign minister was adjourned on Sweden offered to accept either a Swede or Norwegian for the position. The question was referred to both parliaments.

Mrs. Fannie A. Schwartz, formerly a Staten Island belle, through counsel today, petitioned Vice Councillor Stevens for \$150 counsel fee, and \$20 a week alimony, pending a decision in a suit for divorce that has been instituted against her by her husband, Eugene J. Schwartz. Three weeks ago Schwartz, who is head of the United States Leather company, caught his wife, he alleges, in a compromising position with another man in their apartments.

## IN MEMORIAM.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

In memory of JAMES AUBREY, beloved son of John T. and Ida Curtis, who died one year ago today, March 24, 1902, aged four years, three months and two days.